Texas Public Policy and Mental Health Care

Post-Session Snapshot

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## Support & Funding Continue for Mental Health & Substance Use

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<th>Base Budget</th>
<th>HB 1 2016</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Mental Health and Substance Use Policy

What Happened in the 84th?

**PASSED:**

**Continuity of Care**
- **HB 1908** enables individuals with high clinical needs, regardless of a specific diagnosis, and a high level of risk of recidivism to be eligible to participate in the TX Correctional Office of Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments parole and probation services.
- **HB 839** requires the reinstatement of Medicaid and CHIP benefits for youth who is placed in a Juvenile Justice facility upon their release.
- **SB 1507** creates a Mental Health Forensic Director position with DSHS.

**MH Workforce**
- **SB 239** Student Loan Repayment program for MH providers who work with an underserved population and/or health profession work shortage area.

**Teacher Education**
- **SB 133** expands MH First Aid training to personnel (i.e. educators, secretaries, bus drivers, and campus peace officers) throughout schools and school districts.
- **SB 674** requires participation in mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide in educator training programs prior obtaining a certificate in instruction.

**MISSED OPPORTUNITIES:**
- **HB 2523 / SB 1744** reinstatement of Medicaid benefits for adults upon release from a county jail.
We believe in a Texas that offers everyone the chance to compete and succeed in life.

We envision a Texas where everyone is healthy, well-educated, and financially secure.

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